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President:

**Mr. HURST
(Vice-President)**

(Antigua and Barbuda)

- **Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [129] (continued)**
- **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [8] (continued): note by the Secretary-General**

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In the absence of the President, Mr. Hurst (Antigua and Barbuda), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 129 (continued)

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
(A/44/926)

The PRESIDENT: I should like, in keeping with the established practice, to invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/44/926, which contains a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Secretary-General in which he informs the Assembly that 13 Member States are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

I should like to remind delegations that, under Article 19 of the Charter,

"A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years."

May I take it that the General Assembly duly takes note of this information?

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(A/44/925)

The PRESIDENT: This meeting has been called to consider alternate dates for the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic cooperation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries. Members will recall that the Assembly, by its decision 43/460 of 7 March 1989, decided to convene the eighteenth special session from 23 to 27 April 1990.

(The President)

I should like to invite the attention of members to a note by the Secretary-General (A/44/925) informing the General Assembly that the President of the General Assembly has received a letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia requesting a slight modification of the dates of the eighteenth special session.

(The President)

In order to enable the General Assembly to take the required action, it will be necessary to re-open consideration of agenda item 83, entitled "Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1990".

Under the circumstances, may I take it that the Assembly has no objection to re-opening consideration of agenda item 83?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I now invite members to turn their attention to the letter of the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia contained in the annex to document A/44/925.

As specified in the letter, the States members of the Islamic Group, after consultations, recommended that the Assembly hold its special session from Monday, 23 April to Saturday, 28 April, with no meetings being held on the day of the Eid-es-Seghir - either Wednesday, 25 April or Thursday, 26 April.

Should the General Assembly decide to extend its eighteenth special session through Saturday, 28 April, additional costs would arise for overtime payments to support staff in the various offices concerned in respect of meetings held on 28 April. I am informed that these additional costs would be absorbed and that no additional appropriations in this respect would be requested.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

Mr. AL-KAHTANY (Saudi Arabia) (interpretation from Arabic): On behalf of the Islamic Group, I wish to thank all Member States for having unanimously supported our recommendation.

As you mentioned, Mr. President, the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to international economic co-operation, coincides with the Muslim feast from 25 to 29 April 1990 at the end of the month of Ramadan. Since it is one of the two major feasts of Islam and since it would therefore be difficult to ensure the participation of Islamic delegations, representing one third of the membership of the United Nations, we requested that no United Nations meetings be held during that period. However, after intensive consultations with the regional groups, and thanks to the efforts of the President and the Secretary-General, it was agreed that no meeting of the General Assembly should be held during the feast of the Eid-es-Seghir. We are very pleased with the unanimous agreement and co-operation, and hope that it will be borne in mind in the future.

On behalf of all the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the regional groups and the President, the Secretary-General, the two Assistant Secretaries-General and the Secretariat for their co-operation and understanding.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 83.

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.